

27th October 2023

Minister's Office
Department of the Environmental, Climate and Communications,
29-31 Adelaide Road,
Dublin 2,
D02 X285

Re: Direct Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a strategic infrastructure development

Location: Townland of Coolshamroge, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Neo Environmental Ltd ("Agent") is acting on behalf of Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Limited (the "Applicant"), who are applying for a 10 year planning permission for a new 110kV Substation to feed into the existing Drumline-Ennis 110kV overhead line (OHL) circuit. The Substation and 110kV loop in infrastructure is situated within the townland of Coolshamroge, Ennis, Co. Clare. The Substation is to facilitate the Manusmore Solar Farm (**PA Ref:20562**), the Manusmore Solar Farm Extension (**PA Ref:21915**) and the Coolshamrock Solar Farm (**PA Ref:22586**). A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the application for planning permission.

This project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Bord Pleanála (**An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-315476-23**). An Bord Pleanála has determined that this proposed project falls within the Strategic Infrastructure Development consent process. In confirming that this project is a Strategic Infrastructure Development project it has identified 11 prescribed bodies that have to be notified in relation to this planning application. Accordingly, we are notifying you that the application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála on 27th of October 2023.

Please see a USB of the following:

- Forms
 - Application Form
 - Copy of Site Notice
 - Copy of Newspaper Notice (The Irish Examiner and The Clare Champion)

- Landowner Consent Letter
- SID Determination Letter
- Schedule of Planning Drawings
- Schedule of Pre-Application Consultation
- Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application will be sent
- Sample copy of the notification to the prescribed bodies
- **Volume 1**
 - Planning Statement
 - Natura Impact Statement
- **Volume 2**
 - Planning and Technical Drawings
- **Volume 3**
 - Technical Appendix 1: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)
 - Technical Appendix 2: Ecological Appraisal (EcA)
 - Technical Appendix 3: Archaeological and Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment (AAHIA)
 - Technical Appendix 4: Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA)
 - Technical Appendix 5: Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)
 - Technical Appendix 6: Noise Impact Assessment (NIA)

- Technical Appendix 7: Outline Construction and Environmental Management Plan (OCEMP)

You are advised that the Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- (a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions,

or

- (b) refuse to grant the permission.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. the likely significant effects or adverse effect on any European site.

Submissions/observations are for a period of 7 weeks commencing on 27th October 2023 until 15th December 2023. Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on 15th December 2023.

The full application is available for viewing and download on the dedicated SID project website at the following address: <https://www.coolshamrocksid.ie>

Should you have any issues, please contact our office on the details below.

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